

to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin” (24-25).
 The one who abides in Christ has in store an eternity of delights that now we can't even imagine. It demands patience to turn away from the immediate, but we can be assured that the first moment of eternal joy, peace, and happiness in heaven will leave no doubt in our minds that it was *'more than* “worth it!”

observes, the Old Testament leader Moses understood this. He wrote in chapter eleven – **“By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than**



For what shall it profit a man if he gains the whole, and loses his own soul?
 Mark 8:36

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 Romans 8:18

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“It’s Just Not Worth It!”

by Kyle Pope

In many different endeavors in life that pose difficulty, demand effort or require sacrifice, when people decide to stop pursuing their original goal it is not uncommon to hear the words – “*It’s just not worth it!*” Whether it is a job that doesn’t provide the dividends one had hoped, a hobby that becomes too time-consuming, or (sadly) a relationship that seems to demand too much effort, many a soul has given up declaring – “*It’s just not worth it!*”

In our effort to live obedient to the gospel, sometimes Christians come to the point that they question their faith. Conflicts in the church, spiritual setbacks, disappointments, or hardships can weaken our resolve to serve the Lord. Add to this worldly temptations,


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unwholesome friendships, and unfaithfulness in worship and the child of God may come to the point that they say, of the Christian life – “*It’s just not worth it!*” What may we fail to realize if we allow our relationship with the Lord to decay to the point we speak such words are all of the multitude of spiritual blessings we




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sacrifice if we abandon our faith. These things are blessings so valuable that if each of us would only recognize them we would be forced to declare –
“It’s just not worth it to give them up!”


 **It’s just not worth it to give up a relationship with God!** – Of all the relationships that human beings can enjoy there is none so precious and rewarding as our relationship with God. John tells us in I John 3:1 – “**Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! ...**” (NKJV). Christians who see things as they ought to would never do anything to jeopardize this relationship. When family, friends, co-workers, and classmates abandon us God never will. Why should we abandon Him?

 **It’s just not worth it to miss out on heaven!** – Of all of the beautiful, enjoyable, and fulfilling things which we can experience here none of them can come close to comparing with what awaits the child of God in heaven. Paul said – “**...I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be**

revealed in us” (Romans 8:18). How sad it would be never to see a glimpse of that glory because we chose to cling to things that are temporary, incomplete, and so far below the grandeur of heaven in quality. We must not let our eyes and senses *blind* and *numb* us to the reality of what lies beyond this life if we will only endure.

 **It’s just not worth it to give up a relationship with other Christians!** – Excluding family and friends, most of those we have contact with in the world only care about us as long as our relationship with them is beneficial to them financially, emotionally, socially, or materially. While our brethren are certainly not without their shortcomings, in Christ we enjoy a relationship with those who have a common goal, and are trying to look out for our spiritual interests. Paul taught those in the church at Rome to – “**Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another**” (Romans 12:10). Life is just too short, and too lonely to try to live it alone. God has given us fellow-workers, soldiers fighting

with us in the same fight, brothers, sisters, joint-heirs, and travelers walking the same path. How foolish it would be to turn away from these children of God to scratch and scrape through life by ourselves.

 **It’s just not worth it to give up an eternity of peace, joy and happiness for the passing pleasure of sin!** – Even the most enticing allurements of the world at the most can offer us only a brief taste of pleasure. As the Hebrew writer